THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The Government have taken up the issue of attacks by Sri Lanka Navy on Indian Fishermen on the Sri Lankan side of the international boundary line. The Government of Sri Lanka have conveyed that strict instructions have been issued to Sri Lankan Navy to refrain from any violence against Indian fishing vessels and to escort straying vessels to the Indian side of the international boundary line.

(c) and (d) Government have seen the report in DINAMANI dated 12th July, 1992 about incident of attacks by Sri Lankan Navy on Indian fishermen on lOth/llth July, 1992. The authorities concerned, both in India and Sri Lanka, are ascertaining the facts relating to them.

Applictaion for issuing passport

2310. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Regional Passport Offices in the country which receives the maximum number of applications for the issue of new passports;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open any new passport offices in the coun try in the near future; and

(c) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Regional Passport Office, Bombay receives the maximum number of applications

(b) and (c). The Government is re viewing the network of Passport offices, with a view to improving the provison of Passport services. The review would consider the need for addi tional Passport offices, their location and priority as also the availability of neces sary additonal financial and man-power resources.

New passport offices at Mangalore an In Tamil Nadu

2311. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SW^ MY: Will the PRIME MINISTER b pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there it demand for opening of a new Passpor Office at Mangalore in Karnataka;

(b) If so, what steps Government haw taken in this direction;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there i a demand to open new Passport Offices is different parts of Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so. whether Government have identified these centres; and

(e) what is Government's response to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIR! (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. There have been suggestions for ope ning a passport office at Mangalore an< new passport offices in Tamil Nadu.

The Government is reviewing the net work of passport offices with a view to improving the provison of passport servi ces. The review would consider the nee for addoitinai passport offices, their Iocs ion and priority as also the availabil ity of necessary additional financial and man-power resources.

Joint Venture between Birla Group ani *VS.* Company for manufacturing Soft ware

2312. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRU TTINAN: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inter telecom Private Limited of U.S. and the Birla Group, have agreed as a loin Venture for manufacturing of softwar and customer support faclity manufac turing unit in the field of telecom equip ment in near future;

(b) if so. the details thereof- and

(c) the softwares likely ,to be manufactured thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

बाबरी मस्जिद की सुरक्षा के लिए पाकिस्तान का अनुरोध

2313. **मौलाना औबे दुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने भारत सरकार से बाबरी मस्जिद की सुरक्षा और मुस्लिमों के अधिकारों के संरक्षण के लिए अनुरोध किया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने इस मामले को इस्लामी देशों के संगठन के सामने भी उठाया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(घ) क्या भारत सरकार ने हाल के वर्षों में पाकिस्तान में रह रहे अल्पसंख्यकों और उनके हितों की सुरक्षा के लिए पाकिस्तान से समुचित कदम उठाने के लिए अनुरोध किया है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(च) पाकिस्तान सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया थी ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया) : (क) और (ख) 15 जुलाई, 1992 को जारी एक वक्तव्य में पाकिस्तान ने यह उम्मीद जाहिर की कि भारत सरकार बाबरी-मस्जिद और अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय के अधिकारों की रक्षा करने से सम्बद्ध अपने संवैधानिक दायित्वों का निर्वाह करेगी। पाकिस्तान ने यह भी कहा कि वह इस मामले के संबंध में इस्लामिक देशों के संगठन के साथ सम्पर्क बनाए हुए है।

(ग) सरकार इस मामले पर पाकिस्तान की टिप्पणी को हमारे आन्तरिक मामलों में अनुचित हस्तक्षेप मानती है। पाकिस्तान की सरकार और इस्लामिक देशों के संगठन की इस मामले में कोई अधिस्थिति नहीं है। इस प्रकार उनके अभिमत पूरी तरह से अस्वीकार्य हैं।

(घ) से (च) पाकिस्तान की सरकार का यह दायित्व है कि वह अपने देश में अल्प संख्यक समुदायों के अधिकारों और हितों की रक्षा करें। सरकार का यह मत है कि शिमला समझौते की शर्तों के अनुसार भारत अथवा पाकिस्तान को एक दूसरे के आन्तरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप नहीं करना चाहिए।

UN Secretary General's report on preventive diplomacy

2314. SHRI SOMPAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea. sed to state:

(a) whither Government have studied the U.N. Secretary General Mr. Boutros Ghali's report on preventive diplomacy, oeace miking and peace keeping in today's world:

<.b) if so, what are the major nuances (hereof so far as India is concerned; and

(c) what are the views and position of our country on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Government is examining the UN Secretary General's Report entitled "An Agenda for Peace". The Report has been presented to the members of the UN and will be discussed in the U.N. General Assembly. The Government will make its contribution on the Report lot that forum.